Railway Link between Kadur and Mangalore

2999. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to have a railway link between Kadur and Mangalore;

(b) if so, when was it proposed by the Karnataka Government; and

(c) what is the stage at present and the number of times survey conducted in this regard and the action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The then Mysore Government had been conducting surveys for construction of rail line between Kadur and Chikmagalur since 1893. Last survey for this line was done in 1983-84. Survey for Kadur-Chikmagalur-Sakleshpur (a station in Ariskere Mangalore line) was conducted in 1955 to 1957. Construction of this rail line has not been approved.

Declaration of Bangalore-Mysore road as Express road

3000. SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka Government have sent a proposal to the Central Government to convert the existing Bangalore-Mysore Road into Fast Express Road keeping in view the importance of these cities;

(b) whether Government have examined the proposal and if so, the reaction thereto; and

(c) by when the Bangalore-Mysore Road will be declared as Fast Express Road and necessary facilities will be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The Government of Karnataka have projected the requirement for the declaration of this Road as a National Highway. However owing to constraint of resources and other priority considerations, it has not been possible to accede to there request.

Direct flights from Bhubaneshwar to Madras

3001. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to introduce a direct flight between Bhubaneshwar and Madras; and

(b) if so, by when such proposal is going to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Promotion of adult education in the country

3002. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked to promote Adult Education in the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) the amount allocated for implementing Adult Education Programme in Orissa and other States in the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the various steps taken to promote Adult Education in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) An amount of Rs. 130 crores in the Central Sector and Rs. 230 crores in the State Sector have been earmarked during the seventh plan under Adult Education.

(b) The amount of grant released in the Central Sector and the allocation made

in the State Sector to Orissa and other States is given in the statement attached. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 108].

(c) The following steps have been taken to promote Adult Education in Orissa:—

(i) 19 Rural Functional Literacy Projects (RFLPs) with 5700 centres are functioning in the State.

(ii) 1800 centres are also functioning under 6 State Adult Education Projects (SAEPs).

(iii) The State was sanctioned grant for preparing 60,000 literacy kits for use by student volunteers under Mass Programme for Functional Literacy (MPFL).

(iv) A grant of Rs. 18.00 lakhs has been released under Special Component Plan (SCP) and Rs. 74.70 lakhs under Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) during 1987-88. under the Scheme of RFLPs.

(v) 19 Voluntary Agencies have been sanctioned a total grant of Rs. 28.68 lakhs for undertaking 990 Adult Education Centres.

(vi) A total enrolment of 2.86 lakh person has been reported (upto December, 1987).

Malfunctioning of the primary health centres in U. P.

3003. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 13th February, 1988 with the caption 'Where Ward Boys perform operations' wherein it has been stated that compounders, ward boys and chowkidars are acting as doctors in about 300 Primary Health Centres in Uttar Pradesh attending to patients, prescribing and dispensing medicines and sometimes even performing operations;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Report of the State Government has been called regarding this matter.

Finding of Indo-US panel of scientists Report on the IDD

3004. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the *Hindustan Times* dated the 21st January, 1988 with the caption '30 p.c. Delhites suffer from IDD';

(b) whether according to one of the findings of the Indo-US panel of scientist which reviewed some of the [illegible] under the Indo-US Science and Technology Initiative, some 20,000 children in the country go blind every year which could be prevented; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government and what steps have been taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Government has seen the news item appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 21-1-1988.

(b) This Ministry is not aware of the findings of the Indo-US panel of scientists.

(c) In order to control goitre and other iodine deficiency disorders, adequate quantities of iodised salt is being supplied in the Union Territory of Delhi. During 1987, 97,430 MTs of iodised salt had been supplied.

Declaration of National Highway from Berhampur to Raipur

3005. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to declare the State Road from Berhampur in Orissa to